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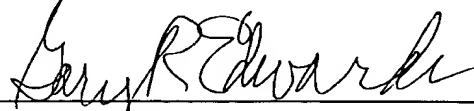
Sir:

On July 31, 2003, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ordered this application remanded to the Examiner for their consideration. However, to date, Applicants have received no further communication from the US Patent and Trademark Office. In the ordinary course, Applicants would expect to have received a further communication from the Examiner regarding the status of this application. Accordingly, it is requested that the Patent and Trademark Office notify the Applicants of the status of this application, and when a further communication from the Examiner will be forthcoming.

If there are any questions regarding this letter or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381TO/41092CO).

Respectfully submitted,



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